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1. The entire Bulgarian population is obliged to enroll in political education courses which last three to five months and are given either at their place of work or at the Otechestven Front offices. These lessons are given once a week, generally on Friday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
2. The instructors are members of the Communist Party or persons chosen among well-educated Communist Party sympathizers. Presence at these lessons is mandatory, and the only absences tolerated are those of aged people. The lessons generally cover propaganda subjects, particular emphasis being placed on the Soviet policy of peace and on the vast industrial and military development of the Soviet Union.
3. At the conclusion of these courses, examinations are given and the best students receive Communist propaganda publications as prizes. Also, they may be granted special privileges later on in their careers.
4. Communist Party members may take their courses in the Soviet Union or in Bulgaria. All those who go to the Soviet Union for these special courses, speak Russian fairly well on their return and are hired as instructors for the courses given in Bulgaria.

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